

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-24 have been examined. Application 10/008,259 has a filing date 10/29/2001.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-24 are allowed.

Examiner's Statement of reason for allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Due to Board of Appeal Decision filed 03/08/10, claims 1-24 are allowed.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DANIEL LASTRA whose telephone number is 571-272-6720 and fax 571-273-6720. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, LYNDIA C JASMIN can be reached on (571) 272-6782. The official Fax number is (571) 273-8300.

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